



JANUARY 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines; visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid) for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

VISITOR CENTER

OPEN 6 days a week:

- Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- Open Monday, January 2nd, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Open Monday, January 16th, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed with our dynamic exhibit dioramas. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center also includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

FIRST DAY HIKE

1:00-3:00 p.m., Great Hall

Get the New Year started off on the right foot! Enjoy a leisurely staff-guided three-mile stroll on the Canalside Rail Trail. This family-friendly hike follows a gentle, level route. Discover the abundant natural, historical, and cultural features that make the Discovery Center and rail trail such an amazing state park! Be prepared for cold weather: dress in layers and wear comfortable winter walking boots. Dogs are welcome on leash. Meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Hike begins at 1:15 p.m.

FRIDAYS, JAN. 6, 13, 20, & 27

NICE AND EASY WALK

1:00—2:00 p.m., Main Entrance

An easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all ages. Join others seeking fresh air and exercise. A DCR Park Interpreter highlights local history and natural scenes along the way. Be prepared for the weather. Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy boots. Bring water. FREE. In case of inclement weather, come on inside for the interpretive topic of the day.

FRIDAYS, JAN. 13, 20 & 27

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR

1/13: Insects; 1/20: Rabbits; 1/27: Groundhogs
10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors who share our home. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome.

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

CONNECTICUT RIVER LOG DRIVES

1:00-2:00 p.m., Great Hall

Between 1870 and 1915, millions of logs were driven down the Connecticut River from the North Woods to Holyoke. Let's explore the log drives and the brazen men who made it happen.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221, greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org

coming events



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PROGRAMS CONTINUED

- SATURDAY,
JAN. 14

KEEPING IT COOL: ICE HARVESTING
1:00-2:00 p.m., Great Hall
Ever wonder what people used before refrigerators? Ice boxes! Let's learn about ice harvesting on the Connecticut River which provided ice for food storage and winter jobs. See tools used in ice harvesting and what it took to be an ice harvester.
- SATURDAY,
JAN. 21

WHO'S BEEN HERE? A TRACKING ADVENTURE
1:00-2:00 p.m., Main Entrance
Let's go outside and see who's been here in the snow. Investigate the mysterious signs that wildlife leave behind. Program includes an indoor story, scavenger hunts, and crafts. Bundle up! For ages 3 – 8 with a parent or guardian. Siblings and friends welcome. Meet inside the main entrance.
- SATURDAY,
JAN. 28

ARTIST RECEPTION: JOE PARZYCH
1:00-3:00 p.m., Great Hall
Meet Joe Parzych and enjoy light refreshments. His exhibit, *Photo Beat, Past and Present— Moving Forward in Time, Capturing of the Moment*, captures changes in local rural life.
- ONGOING,
JAN. 3—29

GREAT HALL ART EXHIBIT: PHOTO BEAT, PAST AND PRESENT— MOVING FORWARD IN TIME, CAPTURING OF THE MOMENT
Joe R. Parzych has been a freelance photojournalist for 24 years. His photographic storytelling provides an Autistic perspective to everyday objects and is fueled by his passion for local history and community. Publications include: *The Montague Reporter* and *Country Folks*, a national trade farming magazine.
- ONGOING

SNOWY INDOOR STORYWALKS®*
1/6—1/13: *Under the Snow*, by Melissa Stewart
1/14—2/20: *Rabbit's Snow Dance*, by James and Joseph Bruchac
1/21—1/29: *Tracks in the Snow*, by Wong Herbert Yee
Explore the lives of active and resting winter wildlife. For ages 3 and up, accompanied by an adult. Meet at the welcome desk.
- SAVE THE
DATES
2/5—3/18

THE SMITHSONIAN IS COMING!
Visit the Smithsonian's Museum on Mainstreet exhibit, *Crossroads: Change in Rural America*, here from 2/5 to 3/18. For related programming listings: greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org.
The exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress. Crossroads: Change in Rural America has been made possible in Turners Falls, MA at the Great Falls Discovery Center by Mass Humanities. Local sponsors include the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center, DCR, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, RiverCulture, and New England Public Media.

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